

I am absolutely flabbergasted that the FCC plans to allow this blatantly UNfair, UNbalanced political attack to take place. Never mind that this is unethical on Sinclair's part; it is also illegal. This is not a "news documentary" as they have labelled it. At best, it is a MOCKumentary. It is an evil and ugly act and does not belong on this country's airwaves UNLESS equal time, also in primetime, also commercial-free, also just before the 2004 Presidential election is given to air a film such as, "Going Upriver" about John Kerry. Better yet, have them air PBS' Frontline showcasing the two presidential candidates side-by-side in a completely unbiased, non-partisan actual documentary titled, "The Choice".

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.